

As I made a little after-race calculation, I have luck to finish course in slightly stronger wind than rumskib and made half a boatlength (30 ft = cca 1 s) win.

So all respect to rumskib, and all other racers who were doing their best, keeping competitive spirit 'till end.

All race days wind didn't change much direction, only strength, so we all try to find 5h windows with the strongest downwind at the end. And they always occurred in the middle of the night (in Europe), according 'Italian Team Academy Lessons' :-))). Course was always pretty the same, so any gain can be made on turns, playing with performance loss.

I owe my success to those who wrote Sailonline manual and all on Performance Loss explained forum post (especially kroppyer). Credits to you all.

And, of course, a great portion of luck to start just on time to catch the strongest downwind at the end.

While all racers were fast, and time differences small, I had to start everytime the wind looked good (sorry, Pat). And as a newy, maybe no one take me seriously, at least at the beginning.

In my defence, I must confess I'm not total beginner in virtual sailing, but new in Sailonline, and this is far, far the best virtual sailing game!

Great thanks to all SOL crew, and at least what I can do to support your work is to join SYC. I planned to do so earlier, but hey! temptation to win a race as newcomer was too strong:-)

Fair winds to all, see you on virtual high seas!

(btw, to avoid future misunderstandings, my country and ship flag is Croatian (not Netherlands, Luxemburg or Paraguay), and for those who never been there, google picture for: croatia sailing, just to see what U R missing...)

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